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To: Pharmacists
Managed Care Organizations

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<http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov/pharmacy>

Subject: Prescription Drug Program: Reimbursement for Flu and Pneumonia Vaccine Administrations

Retroactive to dates of service on and after August 1, 2010, pharmacists who administer a flu or pneumonia vaccine to eligible clients may bill the Department of Social & Health Services (the Department) for an administration fee as described in this memo.

When Does the Department Pay Pharmacists for Administering Immunizations?

To be paid for administering immunizations to Department clients, pharmacists must have an immunization collaborative practice protocol on file with the Board of Pharmacy.

How Do I Bill the Department for a Vaccine Administration?

When billing the Department for the flu or pneumonia vaccine administration, use one of the following Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes:

HCPCS Code	Description
G0008	Administration of influenza virus vaccine
G0009	Administration of pneumococcal vaccine

Rate updates for HCPCS codes G0008 and G0009 are reflected under Current Procedural Terminology® (CPT) code 90471 on the *Physician-Related Services Fee Schedule*.

The Department pays for administration codes only when billed with place of service 01 (pharmacy).

Bill the Department for the vaccine administration using an approved HIPAA-compliant (837-P), Direct Data Entry (DDE) professional or paper CMS-1500 claim form.

Note: MPA encourages providers to bill electronically for the most efficient distribution of payment. Bill the Department using your National Provider Identification (NPI) number in the appropriate field on the claim.

Continue to bill through the Point-of-Sale (POS) system using national drug codes (NDCs) for flu and pneumonia vaccines for clients 19 years of age and older.

Note: The Department *does not* reimburse for *drugs* available at no charge from the Department of Health (DOH) through the Vaccines for Children Program. The Department pays providers **only** for the administration *fees* when the vaccines are available at no cost from the Department of Health (DOH) through the Universal Vaccine Distribution program and the Federal Vaccines for Children program for children 18 years of age and younger.

Note: Managed care plans are responsible for immunizations for their enrollees.

How Can I Get the Department/MPA Provider Documents?

To download and print the Department/MPA provider numbered memos and billing instructions, go to the Department/MPA website at <http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov> (click the ***Billing Instructions and Numbered Memorandum*** link).